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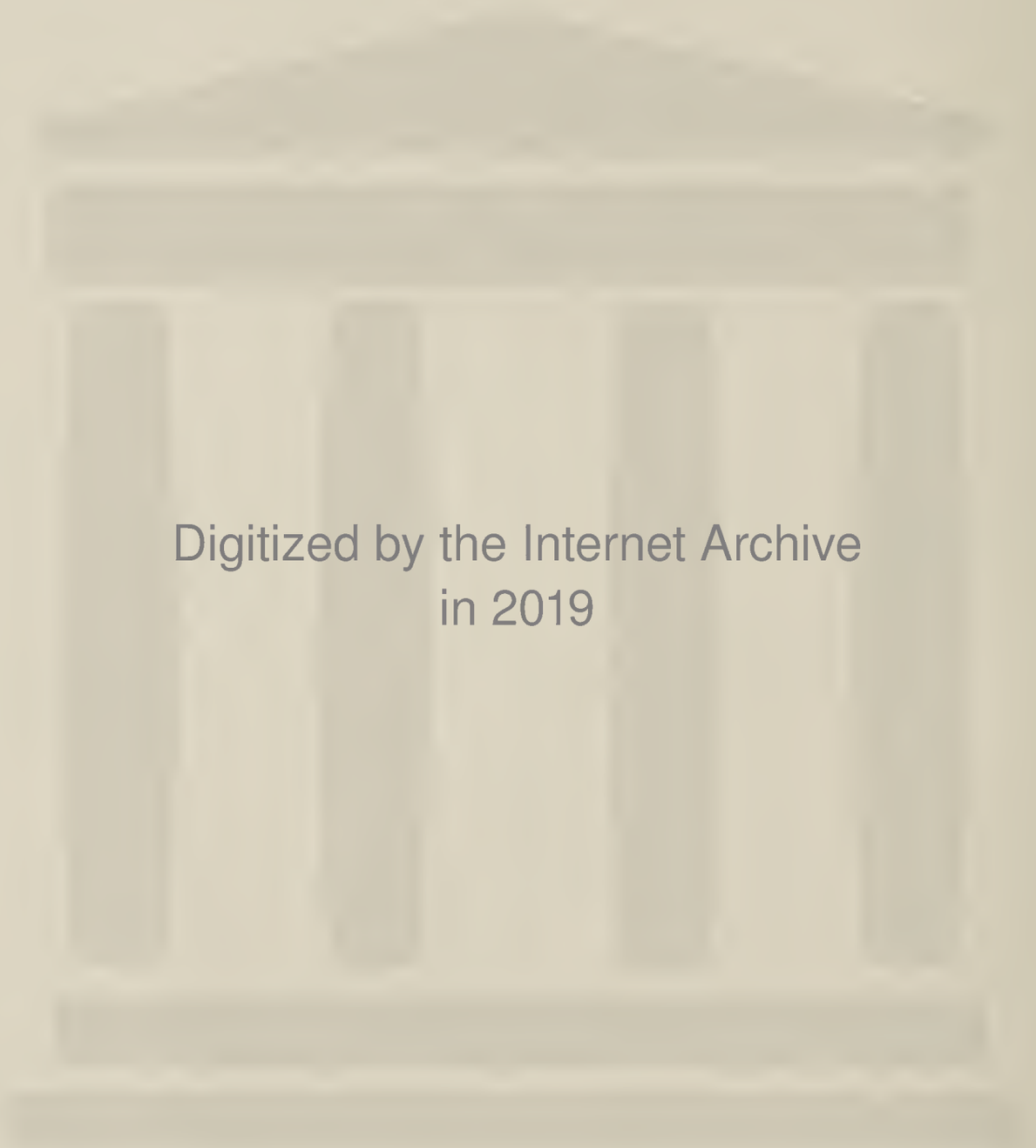

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To My Brother,
1st Lt. Wilmarth Brown, U. S. A.,
Who Gave His Life, in France
June 29, 1918,
During the First World War

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Preface

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The Writing of This Book

The first history of the Wilmarth Family, descendants of Thomas Wilmarth of Massachusetts, was begun by Miss Elizabeth Wilmarth of North Attleboro many years before 1900. She was a direct descendant of Thomas' son Jonathan and his grandson Moses, a captain in the Revolutionary War. Her mother, Susan J. Mann Wilmarth, was a close relative of the celebrated Horace Mann, whose statue is placed in front of the State House, in Boston. The lovely old house in which she was born (in 1858) on North Main Street, North Attleboro, was her home for many years, and from it most of her correspondence was written and her genealogical studies conducted.

In the early 1920's, Miss Wilmarth was put in touch with your present writer, a native of Washington, D. C., also descended from Thomas Wilmarth of Massachusetts. Her letters to my mother, Delphine Wilmarth Brown, and to me are still preserved, having reference to our genealogy. My mother died in 1928, after which time our letters from Miss Wilmarth ceased. My inquiries received no replies, and my contact with her seemed lost. However, my own collection of Wilmarth data continued, and in 1950 I found in the D. A. R. Library at Washington a copy of James L. Wilmeth's book "Wilmot-Wilmoth-Wilmeth" of 1940, on the southern branch of the family, not descended from Thomas of Massachusetts. In it, Mr. Wilmeth stated that he would not include the New England Wilmarths, as the late Elizabeth Wilmarth of North Attleborough, Mass., had a more complete line of that branch, and her data were on file in the New England Historic Genealogical Society, at Boston.

Preface

The late Elizabeth Wilmarth! This was the reason her letters to me had ceased!

In 1951, I left Washington, D. C., my residence of a lifetime, and moved to Syracuse, New York, where my Wilmarth studies were continued. In May, 1952, I was permitted to review Miss Elizabeth Wilmarth's papers in Boston, Mass., where they had been deposited after her death, with the New England Historic Genealogical Society. The papers are handwritten, in manuscript form, and not available to the public. Permission was granted me to see them because of my late assistance in her work.

My stay in Boston was limited, and it was possible to copy only that part of Miss Wilmarth's genealogy relating to our own descent. However, this has been verified through court and other records, which in themselves produced valuable additional data.

An article in the D. A. R. Magazine (April 1952), giving names of founders of the Attleborough, Mass., Chapter, was of assistance. Through correspondence with the Chapter's Registrar, Mrs. Arthur Conant, contact was made with living relatives of Miss Wilmarth. Her niece, Mrs. William Alton Riley, wrote that her aunt's death occurred October 18, 1927, in the New England Baptist Hospital, at Boston.

In June, 1953, I resumed my former residence in Washington, D. C., and here the work has been completed.

Bessie Wilmarth Gahn
(nee Brown)

1953

THE WILMARTH FAMILY

Introduction in America

Our family name Wilmarth dates far back into history. Before the Norman Conquest, 1066, it was written in early English records as Wyllimot; then as Wylmot, and later as Wilmot. Its possible French origin was Guillemot (derived from Guillaume meaning William, plus the ot termination introduced by the Normans), finally becoming in English Wilimot. Today, in America, it is Wilmarth.

Here and there in England, interesting records carry names faithfully repeated in America. For instance:

(1) "Here lyeth the body of Elizabeth Willymot, wife of James Willymot, Gent., of Kelshall, buried June 6, 1634." The inscription is on the floor of Saint Faiths Church at Kelshall, and has been recorded in America by James L. Wilmeth in his book on the southern branches of the family.

(2) "Rev. James Wilmot, D.D., Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford, Rector of Barton on the Heath and Aulcester, Warwickshire, and one of H. M. Justices of the Peace for that County, used to say that his nearest of kin was Sir Thomas Coke Wilmot, munificent founder of Worcester College, Oxford. - Dr. Wilmot's uncle, Thomas Wilmot, born 1680, was wounded (1704) at Blenheim, where he distinguished himself." (Hayden, Va. Gen., pp. 123-124.)

In America, practically every walk of life has been represented by the family, and they are located in every State. Some have held high positions of trust in public places. Most of them, however, have

been retiring, law-abiding citizens caring for their families and serving their communities in quiet, modest ways.

The first of this name to become established in America was Thomas Wilmot, who was in old Braintree, Massachusetts, as early as 1638. (Wilmarth MS, N.E.H.G.Soc.) Two members of the southern branch of the family were on the prison ship "Happy Returne" from England in 1685 to Barbados, and thence to Virginia, where the name appears today as Wilmot, Wilmoth, and Wilmeth. (J.C.Hotten, pp. 327-328.)

In Massachusetts, subsequent to the arrival of English ships at Plymouth in 1620 and at Boston in 1630, small communities were begun here and there in the wilderness. At Weymouth, in 1643 a company was formed by the Rev. Samuel Newman* and his congregation to establish a new settlement in their vicinity. They purchased a large tract of land from Massasoit, the Indian Sachem of Pokanoket, including what is now Rehoboth, Seekonk, Pawtucket, East Providence, and part of Swansea (then known by the name Wannamoisett), bordering Narragansett Bay.

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* See Supplement: Rev. Samuel Newman

In the spring of 1644, members of the Newman company moved to the place called by the Indians "Seacunke", and here they commenced their settlement of the "Rehoboth Purchase". The company sold purchase rights, not lots, and settlers from outlying places were permitted to join the company only by paying their share of purchase rights. This plan was adopted to protect the Indians against speculators. Original shareholders, however, were permitted to sell their rights to others. Thus in 1643, Lot No. 33, drawn by Isaack Martin, became the property of Thomas Wilmot, who paid for it 50 pounds. (Rehoboth Prop. Records, vol. I, p.1; Hurd's History of Bristol Co., Mass., p. 464; and Vital Records of Rehoboth; also Bliss' Hist. of Rehoboth (1836) p. 25.)

Thomas Wilmot[1]

Thomas Wilmot[1] was a resident of Braintree, Mass., as late as 1647, in which year is recorded the birth of his daughter Elizabeth on Feb.4. (Bates' Braintree Rec.,p.628; N.E.H.G.Rec.,vol. 36, p.46.) His family at the time consisted of his wife, Elizabeth Bliss (dau. of Thomas and Dorothy Bliss, born in Coventry, England, Sept. 9, 1615) whom he probably had married in England; also, sons Nathaniel, Daniel, John (b. 1643), Jonathan, and Thomas,Jr. (also mentioned in Rehoboth Records as "Sergt." and later as "Ensign")

The Rehoboth Purchase, with many additions to its inhabitants, increased in extent until it was found to be within the limits of Plymouth Colony. It had been begun as an independent settlement, but on June 4, 1645, it was placed under the jurisdiction of the Plymouth Colony and incorporated as a township by the Scriptural name "Rehoboth". The name "Thomas Wilmot, Sr." appears in the original list of land owners.

Sometime after 1647, Thomas Wilmot moved his family from Braintree to Rehoboth. In 1657, his name was there recorded as Thomas Wilmarth.(See Early Rehoboth,vol.I, p.127.) On June 22, 1658, Thomas Wilmoth is recorded No. 13 among those who drew lots for "the meadows that lie on the north side of the town." (Hurd's Hist.Bristol Co.,Mass.; V.R.Rehoboth,p. 914; Bliss' Hist. of Rehoboth, p.49.)

The "meadows north of the town" were so desirable that the Rehoboth inhabitants in 1661 employed Capt. Thomas Willett, who was on friendly terms with the Indians, to purchase the area for them. The purchase was made through the Indian Chief Wamsutta (son of Massasoit), who died a year afterward. Thus came into being the "North Purchase", which in 1694 was incorporated as Attleborough. (Hist.Attleborough. Daggett., pp. 43, 52, 57, 64.)

On April 10, 1666, Thomas Willmarth had purchased two shares of this land "on the north side of Rehoboth", and in 1672 his name was recorded for "two shares--one he bought of Jo Carpenter and one of his own." In 1670, he was listed with the earliest tax payers. (Hist.Rehoboth,Bliss. 127; Early Rehoboth, vol. I, pp. 39,41.)

Then came the year 1676, when the Narragansett Indians were waging murderous warfare and killing the very settlers with whom they had bargained and established friendship. Thomas Wilmot's wife, Elizabeth, was buried at Rehoboth in February; his son Nathaniel, serving under Major Bradford, was buried November 12, and his son Daniel on November 23. (Bliss' Hist.Rehoboth,p.117.) In addition, his friend John Read, Jr., was killed by Indians on March 26. (V.R.Rehoboth, pp.403, 900,890, 903.) This massacre was a phase of King Philip's War. In the list of inhabitants who contributed money to sustain it, Thomas Wilmot,Sr. and Thomas Wilmot, Jr. are recorded. (Early Rehoboth, vol. II, pp. 41,42.)

On January 27, 1678, Thomas Wilmot, Sr. married Rachel Read, widow of John Read, Jr. Thomas lived until 1690, in which year he was buried on October 4. Rachel was buried November 12, 1710. (V.R. Rehoboth, pp. 403, 890, 903.)

Children of Thomas Wilmot[1], all by 1st wife:*

1. Nathaniel, buried at Rehoboth Nov. 12, 1676.
2. Daniel, " " " Nov. 23, 1676.
3. Thomas[2], mentioned as "Junior"; also "Sergt." and later "Ensign"(Bliss' Hist.Rehob. p. 127).
4. John, born 1643.
5. Jonathan, m. Esther Peck Dec.29, 1680.
6. Elizabeth, born Braintree Feb. 4, 1647. Acc. to Americana 31:376-7, she m.Jonathan Fuller Dec. 14, 1664.

*NOTE: See Supplement for lines of descent from Thomas Wilmot[1] other than that which follows herewith.

Thomas Wilmot[2]

Thomas Wilmot[2], "Junior"; son of Thomas[1] and Elizabeth (Bliss) Wilmot. Date of birth not known. Listed as Sergeant, 1658 (Hist. Rehoboth, Bliss. p. 918). Recorded as Thomas Willmath, Jr., among the owners of territory 8 miles square relinguished on March 30 by King Philip, Sachem of the Wampanoags. (Hurd's Hist. Bristol Co., Mass., p. 467.) In 1673, he was named a townsman of Rehoboth (V.R.Rehoboth, p. 780). The next year (June 7, 1674), he married Mary Robinson dau. of George and Joanna (Ingraham) Robinson. (V.R.Rehoboth, 898.) Her father served under Major William Bradford during the winter of 1675-6 in the expedition against the Narragansetts. Mary's name is again recorded at Rehoboth June 27, 1678, disproving the theory that she had died in 1676. (Gen. of N. Hamp. vol. I, pp. 172-3.) (V.R.Rehoboth pp. 898, 902.)

In 1676, Thomas Wilmot, Jr. is listed with his father and others who gave funds to sustain the war (Early Rehoboth, Bowen. vol. II,pp.41, 42). Promoted to Ensign in 1676 (Hist. Rehoboth by Bliss, p. 127). At a town meeting Dec. 6, 1676, Sergt. Thomas Willmouth, constable, was appointed to serve for the remainder of the year. On Feb. 21, 1677, there was delivered to Ensign Thomas Willmouth 616 lbs. 3 pc. to "defray charges relating to the late warr." (Pierce's Colonial Lists, p. 70, Plymouth Colony Militia, 1621-1692: Thomas Wilmarth, Ensign for Rehoboth, July 1683.)

On June 28, 1684, the land of Thomas Willmouth was recorded "at Wachemokett Neck". (Early Rehoboth, Bowman, vol. III, p. 148). This name was given to that part of present Seekonk and land along Narr. Bay as far as "Bullock Neck". (Bliss' Hist. Rehoboth, p. 133.)

In 1686, Governor Bradford's Grant at Rehoboth, formerly called Secunke, was sold to "Ensign Thomas Wilmath, yeoman" and others for 15 lbs. each, "current money of New-England." (Bliss' same, pp, 126-128.) On Feb. 8, 1689, the official list of proprietors and inhabitants of Rehoboth included Thomas Wilmath, Jr. and his brother Jonathan, but the name of Thomas,Sr. was omitted. This was the year prior to the death of Thomas,Sr. (V.R.Rehoboth, p. 916.)

In 1694, Ensign Thomas Willmarth was living on a street in Rehoboth called (in later years) Greenwood Avenue. There were many deaths in the town that year due to the epidemic, and on May 13, 1694, Ensign Thomas Wilmarth was buried. (Early Rehoboth, vol. II, p.106; V.R.Rehoboth p. 890.)

According to V.R. Rehoboth, the following children were born to Thomas Wilmot[2] and his wife Mary:

1. Elizabeth ("Ellice"), b. Sept. 1,1676, named for Thomas' mother.
2. Mary, b. Dec. 29, 1678, named for his wife.
3. Mehittabel, b. March 4, 1681.
4. Anne, b. Aug. 22, 1683.
5. Thomas[3], b. March 8, 1685.
6. Samuel, b. 1688 (Aug. 30); m. Elizabeth Chubb, June 22, 1719.

Thomas Wilmot[3]

Thomas Wilmot[3] was born in Rehoboth March 8, 1685(V.R.Rehoboth p, 780). After the death of his father, Thomas [3] lived in Rehoboth until 1708, when he moved to Attleborough, "the North Purchase", and married Deborah Peck, who lived until May 22, 1737. (Daggett, Hist. Attleborough, p. 629; V.R. Attleborough.) By this time, the family name was generally recorded as "Wilmarth". On Sept. 13, 1737, Thomas Wilmarth married Rebecca Mason. (V.R.Attleborough.)

On May 21, 1724, the name Thomas Willmarth was recorded with that of Daniel Mason, each of whom had "entered the earmarks of their creatures". (Early Rehoboth, vol.II, p. 129.) On Sept. 29, 1727, Thomas Wilmarth and John Slack were the committee, with Anthony Sprague as surveyor, who laid out land to Joshua Barres. (See Early Rehoboth III, p. 52, "Proprietors' Records Town of Attleborough," copy at Taunton Registry of Deeds). Thomas Willmarth was recorded as witness to deed of Nicholas Peck, Attleborough, April 25, 1738. (Early Rehoboth II, p. 110).

Thomas[3] died at Attleborough on May 22, 1759, "in his 74th year". (V.R.Attleborough.)

Children by first wife, Deborah Peck:

1. Mary, b. Sept. 27, 1709; m. Noah Claflin, 1737.
2. Thomas[4], b. 1712; m. (1) Hepzibah Claflen of Attleborough Apr. 9, 1743; (2) Martha Follett.
3. Deborah, b. Nov. 25, 1715; d. 1744(May 15).
4. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 27, 1718; m. John Richardson.
5. Anne, b. May 27, 1722; died 1744(May 15).
6. Ebenezer, b. May 4, 1725; died July 17,1736.
7. Eliphalet, b. Feb. 28, 1727; m. Hannah Sweet. (Eliphalet was in Rev. War.)

Children by second wife, Rebecca Mason:

8. Ebenezer, b. Attleborough June 14, 1738; m. (1) Sarah Sweet, who died Oct. 12, 1774, "in her 39th year"; m.(2) Molly Capron, b. Attleborough Dec. 12, 1749, dau. Jonathan and Rebecca Capron of Attleborough.(Daggett's Hist. Attleborough, p. 629, and V.R. same. Molly died at Douglas, Mass., July 10,1797 (V.R.Douglas,Mass.,p.192). Ebenezer died Jan. 24, 1828.
9. Esther, b. Oct. 25, 1740; m. Jonathan Williams.

NOTE: Ebenezer and his brother Eliphalet Wilmarth married sisters, Hannah and Sarah Sweet, daus. of John and Sarah (Claflin) Sweet.

Thomas[4], son of Thomas[3] and Deborah Peck, is recorded as "Lieut. Thomas Wilmarth" in the "First List of Polls and Ratable Estate", Nov. 5, 1759; also for 1765 and 1769, and in the Census for Rehoboth, 1790. He died Feb. 5, 1793. (Early Rehoboth IV, pp. 90, 97, 106,120).

Ebenezer Wilmarth[4]

In the old Hillside Cemetery at Hebronville, near Attleboro, Mass., many Wilmarths are buried. One section, in fact, is called "the Wilmarth Cemetery". However, it is over by the Claflin family graves that one finds the stone inscribed as follows:

Mr.
EBENEZER WILMARTH
Died
Jan. 24 - 1828
In his 89th Year
A Revolutionary Pensioner

The grave has no historic marker, and the caretaker of the cemetery says that the spot is now rough and overgrown, and no one comes to look for it.

Vital Records of Attleboro and of Douglas state that Ebenezer Wilmarth lived in those towns, that he married twice, and that he was the father of eleven children. Other records indicate that he lived for a brief time in Sutton also, where he owned land.

During Ebenezer's youth, he served with the 300 Colonial men from Sutton under command of Capt. Jonathan Carriel, from 1755 to 1761, in the French and Indian War. (See "Annals of Sutton" by Benedict and Tracy, giving "List of Officers and Men from Sutton", pp. 778-780; also, "History of Worcester Co., Mass."; vol. II, pp. 375, 376.)

Records of the Revolutionary War credit him with military service from April 19, 1775 to October 31, 1780; yet his pension was awarded for but three years of service, June 27, 1777, to June 27, 1780, and as a private. The Congressional Report of the Secretary of War, 1835 (vol. I, p. 43), gives his record as a corporal. It is only within the past year that his pension papers, long lost, have been located at Washington, D. C.

Ebenezer Wilmarth[4] was born June 14 (now Flag Day), 1738, in Attleborough, the son of Thomas Wilmarth[3] and his second wife, Rebecca Mason. His father died at Attleborough May 22, 1759, "in his 74th year", at which time Ebenezer was away from home, fighting in the French and Indian War under Capt. Jonathan Carriel of Sutton. After the War, Ebenezer married (intention to wed published May 26, 1764) Sarah Sweet, dau. of John and Sarah (Claflin) Sweet of Attleborough, born Jan. 3, 1736. His wife lived until Oct. 12, 1774, dying in her 39th year, during the critical days prior to the Revolution. Five children were born of this first marriage, all at Attleborough. (See Vital Records, Attleborough.)

Samuel, b. Jan. 24, 1765
Ebenezer, b. July 6, 1766
Sarah, b. Feb. 15, 1768
Esther, b. Oct. 19, 1770
Deborah, b. Feb. 11, 1773

In 1775, Ebenezer joined the company of Minute Men under Capt. Stephen Richardson of Attleborough and marched away with them on the Alarm of Paul Revere, April 19, to protect Lexington and Concord. From April 19 to May 1, 1775, he was one of the Minute Men who followed and fought the British, then fleeing toward Boston. On May 1, he joined the 64 men enlisted in

Capt. Caleb Richardson's company, Colonel Timothy Walker's regiment, and was stationed with them at Roxbury, a suburb of Boston at the time of Bunker Hill Battle. (Muster Roll vol. 18, p. 12.) His name is on the Company Return dated Oct. 6, 1775. On Nov. 13 he was in Capt. Stephen Richardson's 4th Company, in Colonel Daggett's regiment, serving in the First Campaign, which kept the British hemmed in at Boston.

Early in March, 1776, General Washington seized Dorchester Heights, beyond Boston, and placed there the troops in Capt. Richardson's Attleborough Company. From this commanding position, the British were fired upon and forced to evacuate Boston. They fled to their ships in Boston Harbor and sailed for Halifax. American soldiers were stationed around the Harbor, Capt. Jonathan Carriel's company, under Colonel Josiah Whitney, being sent to Nantasket. There is record of receipt for advance pay for one month, due Ebenezer Wilmarth, dated at Point Shirley, June 13, 1776, near Nantasket, at which time he was serving a three months' service with Capt. Carriel's company. The three months were ended on Aug. 1, 1776, and Ebenezer returned to his family at Attleborough.

On Sept. 21, 1776, Ebenezer married Molly Capron,*b. Dec. 12, 1749 at Attleborough, dau. of Jonathan Capron and his wife Rebecca. Their first son, Jonathan Wilmarth, was born at Attleborough on Jan. 5, 1778, while Ebenezer was again away in the War. It is through Jonathan Wilmarth that our branch of the family has descended. (V.R. Attleborough.)

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*See Supplement for Capron Family.

On June 27, 1777, Ebenezer had enlisted for a three-year term in Col. Henry Jackson's Regiment(the 16th) and the Colonel's Company, commanded by Capt. John Hobby. His regiment's return was certified April 30, 1780, at camp near Morristown, General Washington's headquarters. His discharge was dated June 27, 1780.

In another month, on July 28, Ebenezer joined Capt. Caleb Richardson's company, in Col. Abiel Mitchel's Regiment, raised to reinforce the Continental Army for three months. On Oct. 31, 1780, Ebenezer's military service was ended, and he returned to his family at Attleborough.

Although Ebenezer owned a 40-acre farm at Sutton, Mass., he took his family to Douglas, and there the following children were born (V.R. Douglas):

Parley, b. April 1, 1781
Barton, b. Oct. 28, 1785
Jason, b. June 18, 1788
Mason, b. Oct. 30, 1791
Rebecca, b. Aug. 23, 1794

Samuel Wilmarth, the eldest son of Ebenezer and his first wife, Sarah, served in the Revolutionary War in Capt. Knapp's company, Col. Tyler's regiment, when he was 16 years of age. He is described (Mass. Soldiers and Sailors of Rev. War, p. 555) as "5 ft. 6 inches in statue; complexion dark; occupation a farmer; engaged for town of Douglas, April 10, 1781; term three years". On Jan. 12, 1786, he married Abigail White, at Douglas (V.R. Douglas, p. 162).

Ebenezer Wilmarth Jr., next to the eldest, probably was staying on the farm at Sutton, for on Jan. 26, 1790, when he married Mary Fields of Attleborough, the Vital Records listed him as "of Sutton". He, too, served in the Rev. War and is recorded as "Ebenezer Wilmot, private in Capt. Elihu Gifford's company, Col. Turner's

Regiment, raised in Bristol and Barnstable Counties to serve five months in Rhode Island, Aug. 7, 1781, to Dec. 1, 1781."

Two deeds of Worcester County (Bk.104,p. 504, 1788, and Bk. 170, p. 425, 1791) tell more of the Wilmarth farms at Sutton and at Douglas. In 1788, "Ebenezer Wilmarth of Sutton and Molly his wife" sold a portion of their farm, including the house and barn, to Josiah Carpenter of Windsor, Vermont. At this date, Ebenezer and his family were living at Douglas, but claimed residence also at Sutton. On May 20, 1791, "Ebenezer Wilmarth of Douglas and Molly his wife" sold the remaining 8 acres of their land at Sutton, "part of the land which was Josiah Carpenter's", to William Axtell of Sutton. The deed was signed in 1791 in the presence of David Chase and Jonathan Wilmarth, witnesses. It was not entered on the records of Worcester Courthouse until August 16, 1808.

The U. S. Census of 1790 for Douglas, Mass., lists Ebenezer Wilmarth and his family, as follows: "Ebenezer Wilmarth - 1 grown male, 4 males under 16, and 2 females." At this time, Samuel and Ebenezer,Jr. had married and moved away; Jonathan (b. 1778), Parley (b. 1781), Barton (b. 1785), and Jason (b. 1788) were at home; two daughters were married; Mason and Rebecca had not yet been born. This left Molly and one stepdaughter as the two females listed in the Census.

Molly (Capron) Wilmarth, Ebenezer's wife, died at Douglas on July 10, 1797 (V.R. Douglas). About this time, Jonathan and Barton left for New Hampshire, where several relatives already had moved. With so many of his family gone, Ebenezer decided to return to Attleborough. Here his son Parley (b. April 1, 1781) was married on Feb. 27, 1814, to Mary (Smith) Claflin.

In April of 1818, Ebenezer was awarded a pension from the Government (Certificate No. 9-212. See Supplement.) He died at Attleborough on Jan. 24, 1828, in his 89th year, and was buried near the graves of the Claflins in Hillside Cemetery. His estate was administered by his son Parley, who claimed that he was the "son and only heir-at-law". (Book 66, page 236, April 4, 1828, Probate Court of Bristol Co., Mass.) Nothing is known of the estate, and no will has been found.

———(See Supplement: Revolutionary War Service of Ebenezer Wilmarth.)

Jonathan Wilmarth[5]

Jonathan Wilmarth[5], son of Ebenezer and his second wife, Molly (Capron) Wilmarth, was born in Attleborough, Mass., Jan. 5, 1778 (V.R.Att.) at which time his father was serving in the Revolutionary War. When Jonathan was about two years of age, his father returned home and the family left Attleborough, going first to Sutton, and thence to Douglas, where Jonathan grew to manhood.*

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* See references in preceding chapter.

Jonathan was named probably for his mother's brother, Colonel Jonathan Capron, born in Attleborough March 10, 1732. After the War, Col. Capron took his family from Massachusetts to New Hampshire. He had married (June 19, 1755) Alice Alden, great-granddaughter of John Alden and Priscilla of the Mayflower.(See Supp. The Capron Family.) In the U. S. Census of 1790 for Marlborough, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, Jonathan Capron and Jonathan

Capron,Jr. are each listed with their families. It was reported that they later went to Lyme, in Grafton County, to live.*

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* As late as Aug. 20, 1865, property was conveyed to one John Capron by Joshua Young in the nearby town of Piermont, according to the Registrar of Deeds for Grafton County (Ltr. of Feb. 17, 1953).

Joseph Wilmarth of Rehoboth, another relative, moved his family to Lyme, N. H., about the year 1800, having purchased land from Dr. Amherst Coult on June 7, 1799.(Land records, Woodsville Courthouse, N. H., Bk. 32, fol. 343.) Joseph's daughter Hannah had married Rufus Claflin of Attleborough on Aug. 24, 1796; and his son, Joseph, Jr., had married Esther French of Rehoboth on Nov. 10, 1799.(V.R. Att. and Rehoboth.) These three families of Wilmarth relatives were listed in the U. S. Census of Lyme, N. H., in 1810. According to the Grafton County Directory, 1709-1886 (p. 542), Rufus Claflin went to Lyme in 1800 and was soon followed by his brothers Allerton and Preston.(Suppl.-Joseph Wilmarth)

Jonathan's move to New Hampshire after the death of his mother would therefore seem natural.

Lyme had been attracting many new settlers. It was located in the western part of Grafton County, on the Connecticut River, affording water transportation up through the wilderness. It was the central town of a growing neighborhood. A few miles north was Orford; a short distance east was Dorchester; just west, across the river was Thetford, Vermont; and Hanover, to the south, was the residence of Reverend Eleazer Wheelock, through whose efforts Dartmouth College had come into being in 1771. (N.H. State Papers, vol. 25, p. 85.) These towns had received charters from

England between 1761 and 1765, and all had been united in 1773 with the "Church of Christ of Dartmouth College" to form the "Grafton Presbytery" (which came to an end in 1800). In England, it was the desire of the Earl of Dartmouth to establish a college in New Hampshire, and Rev. Wheelock's journeys and patient work to form a nucleus of towns supporting the church at Hanover gave rise to opportunities. The names of many new settlers were recorded. (N. H. State Papers, vols. 9, 25; and Lord's History of Dartmouth College.) General John Stark and his son Nathan, whose name appears in the Pension papers of Joseph Wilmarth, were living there. (See Supp. Joseph Wilmarth.)

David Simpson had lived at Lyme since 1784. (U.S.Census 1790;N.H.State Papers, vol. 25,p.506.) Jonathan Wilmarth and Elizabeth Simpson were married shortly after his arrival from Massachusetts, and their first son was born at Lyme in 1804. This was Jason Wilmarth, progenitor of our branch of the Wilmarth family. (U.S. Census 1840, 2nd Dist. of Loudoun Co., Va.; gravestone in the Quaker Cemetery, Lincoln, Va.; family records filed in N.E.Hist.Gen.Society, Boston, Mass.)

Jonathan was accompanied to New Hampshire by his younger brother, Barton, born Oct. 28, 1785, in Douglas, Mass. (V.R. Douglas). At Lyme, N.H., in the old cemetery near the river, your writer found a stone inscribed as follows:

"In Memory of
BARTON WILMARTH
Who died Jan. 14, 1805,
Age 20 years.
"See weeping friendship mourn his early doom,
While pious grief bends over the hallowed tomb."
(Cem.Lot 16; Tier 13)

The second child born to Jonathan and Elizabeth Wilmarth was named in memory of his uncle--Barton.

The children of Jonathan and Elizabeth, all born at Lyme, were the following: (See U.S. Census of Lyme, 1810, and 1830; and family records filed in N.E.Hist.Gen.Society, Boston.)

1. Jason, b. Aug. 6, 1804; d. in Va. on Oct. 13, 1882.
2. Barton, b. Aug. 5, 1805, d. 1866; m. Abigail C. Hamblin of Sandwich, Mass.
3. Jonathan C. (Capron), b. Sept. 1809; d. 1841; m. Emily Wilcox of Westbrook, Conn.
4. Elizabeth Emaline, m. Chauncy Marshall.
5. Samantha Armina, m. Mr. Tyrell, or "Turrell".
6. Albert Turner, M.D., b. 1812; d. Ware, Mass., 1857; m. (1) Harriot Edwards. (2) Mary Mowry.
7. Leprelate Hamilton, b. Aug. 7, 1814; m. Rebecca Almy Rogers.
8. Mason, b. 1819; went to Wisconsin.
9. Almena Minerva, b. 1829; m. (1) Daniel C. Hull, who d. 1884; (2) John Thompson.
10. Marcia Isabel, b. 1832; m. Mr. Robbins.

Prior to 1830, the two eldest sons of Jonathan and Elizabeth Wilmarth had left home to seek their fortunes (Jason and Barton). The U. S. Census of that year for Lyme, N.H., records the following for the remainder of the family:

1 male about 10 yrs.	(Mason)
2 males under 20 yrs.	(Albert and Leprelate)
1 male under 30 yrs.	(Jonathan C.)
1 male bet. 50-60 yrs.	(Jonathan, the father)
1 female under 5 yrs.	(Almena Minerva)
2 females under 15 yrs.	(Elizabeth and Samantha)
1 female bet. 40-50 yrs.	(Elizabeth, the mother.)

The last child, Marcia Isabel, was not born until 1832.

Elizabeth Wilmarth, Jonathan's wife, lived until March 24, 1835 (age 49) and was buried at Lyme. (Record obtained from Town Clerk at Lyme, 1930.) Jonathan Wilmarth died in June of 1848. (Family records filed with N.E.Hist. Gen.Society, Boston.)

Throughout the years in which Jonathan lived at Lyme, N.H., he was engaged in realty transactions, as recorded with the Registry of Deeds, Woodsville, Grafton County. Some of the conveyances to him were as follows:

Feb. 19, 1819 (Bk.81,fol.382), 12½ acres for $221 from Edward Howard of Lyme, N.H.

Two other conveyances, not copied.

Nov. 25, 1831 (Bk.135,p.20, and Bk.134, p. 535), from Reuben Hewes heirs.

Among the sales from him are the following:

May 2, 1832 (Bk.121,fol.253) to Bezar Latham.

May 23, 1833 (Bk.125,fol.476) 6 acres to Sylvester Pushee. Elizabeth Wilmarth signs away her Dower Rights.

Two sales recorded but not copied.

Feb. 22, 1843 (Bk.172,fol.141), to Caleb Turrell: "A certain tract of land situated in said Lyme being Lot No. 30 in the 5th division of lands in said town, containing 75 acres more or less, laid out and drawn to the original right of David Shaw." Amt. paid $150. - This transaction was not signed by Jonathan Wilmarth's wife, she having died in 1835.

The purchase of 1819 is made to "Jonathan Wilmarth of Lime, Husbandman".

The sale of 1833, released by Elizabeth Wilmarth as Dower Rights, bears the names Jepthah Tyler and David Pushee, each of whom were witness in the pension statement of Joseph Wilmarth* in

* See Supp.: Joseph Wilmarth

1832, together with Jonathan Wilmarth. David Pushee had served in the Rev. War. His homestead was in the eastern part of Lyme, according to statement in the Gazette of Grafton Co., N.H., pp. 517-521.

The sale of 1843, "75 acres more or less", evidently was the homestead in Lyme, sold after the death of Jonathan's wife, to the "Mr. Turrell, or Tyrell" who married Jonathan's daughter Samantha Armina.

In 1873, according to the Town Clerk, all records of Lyme were destroyed by fire. It is the personal records from various families, therefore, supported by County records at the Woodsville Courthouse, that lead into the past of this once flourishing place. The old houses were built (some are left) around a village green, the usual plan of towns in New England. At present, there is an old tavern (the Alden Tavern), purchased and remodelled in 1918 by a Mr. Alden (direct descendant of John and Priscilla Alden of the Mayflower). According to the Register of Deeds at Woodsville, the tavern was purchased in 1949 by Gordon R. and Dorothy M. Craven, who are present owners.

A lovely picture of the old church and the village green was published in 1938 in "Colonial Meeting Houses of New Hampshire" by Mrs. Eva A. Speare, under the auspices of the Daughters of Colonial Wars, State of New Hampshire, and printed by the Courier Printing Co. of Littleton, New Hampshire. It is stated (pp. 156-157) that "Behind the church, but separated from its lot by the State Highway, is the ancient cemetery where sleep the founders of this beautiful New England village."

Jason Wilmarth[6]

Jason Wilmarth, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Simpson) Wilmarth, was born in Lyme, New Hampshire, Aug. 6, 1804, and died at Lincoln, Loudoun County, Va., Oct. 13, 1882. He was married at Leesburg, Va., Oct. 9, 1837, by Rev. Thomas Berkley, to Mary Ann Rutter, born in old Frederick Co., Va., Dec. 21, 1816, and died at Hamilton, Va., Jan. 16, 1901. (See U.S.Census, 1870, Lincoln, Va.; gravestones in Quaker Cemetery at Lincoln, Va. (photo. herewith); Bible records filed in New England Hist.Gen.Society, Boston, Mass.)

When of age, Jason Wilmarth left Lyme, New Hampshire, for Attleborough, Mass., where his grandfather, Ebenezer Wilmarth, was then living. After the death of the grandfather, Jan. 24, 1828, Jason went to Washington,D.C. There his friend John D. Coburn from Cabot, Vermont, had built a thriving grocery business. Jason joined the firm and lived with the Coburns for several years before going to Loudoun County, Va. While in Washington, he conducted much of his correspondence, even his bills to customers, in poetic form. He copied many of these papers into a large blank book, and it is through this collection (now owned by his granddaughter, Mrs. William H. Rhodes of New Orleans, La.) that we learn of Jason's lonely bachelor days in the new Capitol City, after leaving Attleborough.

Jason's friend John Coburn had married (March 10, 1824) Martha Galloway, daughter of William and Mary (Soul) Galloway of Lynn, Mass . (Dist. of Col. marriage license.) According to the 1830 Street Directory of Washington, John Coburn lived on the north side of F Street, next door to the Bank of the Metropolis, which was

then on the corner of 15th and F Streets, N.W. This was therefore Jason Wilmarth's first home in Washington.

In Loudoun County, Va., Jason conducted for many years a private school of his own. Besides being a philosopher and a poet, he was famous as a mathematician, and difficult problems were sent to him from leading colleges for solution. He became a Quaker, although his wife and the rest of his family were Episcopalians. His last years were spent in Lincoln, Loudoun County, among the Quakers, where he was respected and beloved by his neighbours. The old stone house in which he lived had been built by the Quakers in 1765 as a meeting-house. In 1817, they built a brick meeting-house just across the road, and this is used today. The old stone house is today a lovely old home. It is almost covered by the wisteria vines planted by Jason's wife, Mary Ann. Adjoining the grounds to the south is the Quaker Cemetery, and here two white stones with dates inscribed, show the resting place of Jason and Mary Ann Wilmarth.

Five children were born to Jason and Mary Ann Wilmarth, all except the last in Loudoun Co.

1. James Gourley, b. Oct. 1, 1838.
2. John Jonathan, b. Jan. 27, 1841.
3. William Benton, b. Jan. 28, 1851.
4. Mary Elizabeth, b. Nov. 12, 1853.
5. Sarah Samantha, b. Fairfax Co. May 10, 1857; died May 22, 1857, and was buried in Annandale Cemetery, Fairfax Co., Va.

The U.S. Census of 1870 for Lincoln, Loud. Co., Va., was taken after James and John Wilmarth had gone to live in Washington and Baltimore. They are not named in the enumeration, therefore, which reads as follows:

Wilmarth, Jason, age 65; birth, New Hampshire (Lyme)
" Mary, age 53; birth, Virginia
" William Benton, age 18, birth Va.
" Elizabeth, age 16, birth Va.

Jason's children were named for members of the family, as follows:

James G., for James Rutter, his maternal grandparent; John (Jonathan), for his paternal grandparent Jonathan Wilmarth of New Hampshire; William Benton, probably for Jason's friend William Benton who lived nearby in Philomont, Loudoun Co., Va.; Mary Elizabeth, for Jason's wife, Mary, and his mother, Elizabeth; Sarah Samantha, for Jason's sister in New Hampshire.

For a number of years after Jason Wilmarth had retired from teaching, he practised his two hobbies. He continued to write his verses, and he kept his clocks in good running order, even going about the farms nearby and attending to the clocks of his neighbours, one of whom was the father of Dr. J. Russell Smith of Columbia University, New York.

After the death of Jason Wilmarth, his widow lived for a while with her son William Benton and his family, but later went to Washington and lived with her eldest son, James. Thus, "Great-Grandma" and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren became acquainted. We loved to go to her room in our house, where she kept busily engaged with her knitting needles, or reading her precious Bible, or tending her gay potted flowers. There was always the sweetest smile of welcome, and always more stories of the War, when we asked for them. I remember when she told us that her first home in Loudoun County was burned during the Civil War, at a

Old Stone House in Lincoln, Va., where Jason and Mary Wilmarth raised their family. Standing near the fence is a great-granddaughter, Marcia Coburn Larimore, daughter of Eva Wilmarth Browne.

time when her husband and two eldest sons were away. James Gourley was living in Washington; "Jack"(Jonathan) had gone off with the Southern Army; and Jason, her husband, was on business with millers "up in the mountains". Word was brought to her, like the messages of Paul Revere in the Revolution, that the Northern soldiers were coming and that they were burning every house they saw, and had named hers, since "Jack" had entered the Southern Army!

"Great-Grandma" hitched two horses to the old farm wagon, threw into it a few possessions, placed her two younger children and two old farm servants on top, and off she drove across the mountain to Lincoln, the peaceful Quaker village, where they made their final home. Mary Ann was a tiny woman, not five feet tall; yet she was fearless, and commanded respect from the big Northern soldiers who camped in the garden about her house and ate her fresh loaves of bread. With it all, she was able to keep her family intact.

The sun still shines on the two white stone monuments to Mary and her husband Jason Wilmarth, in the Quaker Cemetery at Lincoln!

Delphine Wilmarth, age 4

Acrostic
Jason Wilmarth to his Granddaughter, Delphine

Delightful indeed is the season of youth,
Exceedingly lovely is virtue and truth.
Let virtue and truth then be ever your guide,
Prepare to retain them, whatever betide.
Honesty, justice, and peace be your care
In all that is lovely, delightful and fair.
Never cease to be cheerful, be lively and gay,
Expelling the sorrows of life far away.

With kindness and court'sy extended to all,
In every sense, to the great and the small,
Let charity pass o'er the errors of life,
Meekly denouncing contention and strife.
As time passes on, advancing in years,
Revolving the hopes and the sorrows and fears
That attain to the lot of the meek and the brave
Having their end in the cold, silent grave,
Be patient, be faithful, be kind and be true.
'Tis the wish of your grandfather, J. W.

Lincoln, Loudoun County, Va.

CHILDREN OF JASON AND MARY ANN WILMARTH

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James Gourley Wilmarth[7]

James Gourley Wilmarth, son of Jason and Mary Ann Wilmarth, was born in Loudoun County, Va., Oct. 1, 1838, and died Jan. 4, 1899, at Washington, D. C. He married, June 21, 1863, at Epiphany Episcopal Church, Caroline Augusta Coburn, daughter of his father's old friend John Coburn and his wife Martha (Galloway)Coburn. (See Supplement: The Coburn and Conant Families.)

Caroline was born July 16, 1839, in Washington, and died at Fairfax, Va., July 8, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmarth are buried in the Coburn Lot at Oak Hill Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

James Gourley came to Washington when a very young man and kept books for a large firm noted for their artistic stock of cut glass, silverware, and imported china (Beveridge's). From the knowledge gained in this place, he afterwards had such a place of his own under the name "Wilmarth and Edmonston" (later "Wilmarth and Kaiser"), and was a successful merchant until his death. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and vestryman for many years. He had a deep appreciation of good music, and this was inherited by his children.

Mrs. Wilmarth, a woman of great personal charm, also was musical. She was a life-long resident of Washington. Through her father, John Coburn, she was descended from Roger Conant, the first Governor in Massachusetts.

Four children were born, all in Washington, as follows:

I. Delphine[8], born May 1, 1864; died Dec. 23, 1928; married Oct. 20, 1883, to Harrison Bradley Brown, a patent attorney of Washington, D.C., born Aug. 29, 1855 in Washington, and died there Oct. 13, 1911. Both are buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Washington. Mr. Brown was a direct descendant of Dr. William Brown, personal friend and physician to General George Washington and his family, appointed (Act of Congress May 13, 1777) the first Surgeon General of the United States. Mrs. Brown (Delphine) inherited musical talent from her parents. She was organist and teacher in the Washington churches for 25 years.

Children: 1. Bessie Wilmarth Brown[9], born in Washington, D.C., March 28, 1885; married in Epiphany Church Sept. 19, 1907, to Henrik Colquhoun Gahn, son of Henrik Gahn of Sweden.

Delphine Wilmarth Brown, age 21
Wife of Harrison Bradley Brown, and Daughter of James G. and Caroline (Coburn) Wilmarth

Mrs. Gahn took special courses at George Washington University, in Washington, and in 1917 entered Government Service as a secretary in the Dept. of Agriculture, where she remained until she voluntarily retired in 1947. In 1920, she legally took the name "Mrs. Bessie Wilmarth Gahn" and began her avocation of writing, first, nature stories for children, and then articles of historic value, publishing several books. After retirement from Government in 1947, she conducted the genealogical research of the National Society Children of the American Revolution. In 1951, she moved from Washington to Syracuse, N. Y., where she worked on the Wilmarth genealogy. In 1953 she returned to Washington and completed the book begun by Miss Elizabeth Wilmarth. She is a member of the National Societies Daughters of American Revolution and of Daughters of the American Colonists.

2. Doris Brown,[9] born in Washington on Dec. 26, 1889; married (1) June 10, 1910, to Guy Eugene Matheson of Michigan.

Child, Guy Eugene Matheson, Jr.[10], born March 16, 1911 in Washington. After his mother's second marriage, "Gene" legally took the name Tanner. He was educated in Syracuse, N. Y., and graduated with honor from Syracuse University in 1933. Shortly after graduation, he married Gertrude Pople of Syracuse (b. Nov. 13, 1916), and during World War II he served with the Army. After his honorable discharge, he returned to his home in Syracuse and resumed his position with the Niagara Mohawk Power Company. He and his wife have adopted two babies,

Jodele in 1947, and Thomas Nelson in 1949, both being under a month old when adopted.

In September of 1920, Doris (Brown) Matheson married (2) Marion Snow Tanner of Salt Lake City, Utah, a lawyer. Their only child, Jodele[10], born in New Orleans, La., Jan. 22, 1924, graduated cum laude from Agnes Scott College, near Atlanta, Ga. She was Class Valedictorian and member of the Honor Society Phi Beta Kappa. During her vacation she fell from a horse, and this resulted in a long illness that brought about her death on April 13, 1947. Interment was at West View Cemetery, Atlanta. Her father, Marion Snow Tanner, died shortly afterward and was buried beside her in Atlanta. Mrs. Doris Brown Tanner now lives in Syracuse, New York, near her son, Guy Eugene Tanner.

3. Wilmarth[9] Brown, 1st Lt., U.S.A., born June 15, 1891, in Washington, D.C.; died June 29, 1918, at Vaux, France, where he was killed in action during World War I. He was buried (1st) in France, near Belleau Wood, and (2nd), with military honors, in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

Lt. Brown was a graduate of Business High School and of George Washington University Law School, at Washington, where he was President of the Washington Chapter of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. During the years in which he studied law at night school, he served the Government as Secretary to the Army Chief of Staff with both General Leonard Wood and General Hugh Scott. He also studied for entry to West Point, but at the outbreak of the War, attended the first Officers' Training School at Fort Myer, Va., and was awarded a commission as 1st Lieut.

(See Frontispiece Photo.)

Guy Eugene Tanner[10]

Jodele Tanner[10]

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Son and Daughter of Mrs. Doris Brown Tanner

He was one of the first two A.E.F. officers sent to France, sailing in September 1917. In France, he was assigned first to the 5th Marines, but later was transferred to Company E, 9th Infantry, 2nd Division, and was in the famous charge which the Fighting 9th launched against the enemy in the Chateau Thierry Sector. Many were his acts of extreme bravery and self sacrifice. He was cited by General Pershing for "distinguished and exceptional gallantry". On June 29, 1918, he was killed by German machine guns while reconnoitering on Hill 204.

II. Caroline Wilmarth[8], born at Washington, D.C. Nov. 30, 1865; died Oct. 1866, and was buried in the Coburn Lot, at Oak Hill Cemetery, Washington.

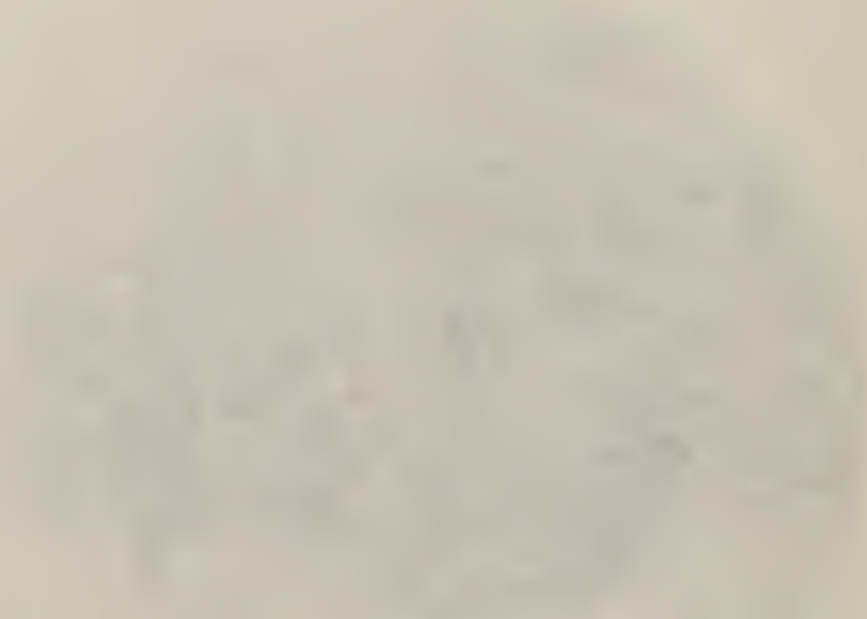
III. Walter Gourley Wilmarth[8], born May 30, 1869; died at Washington March 11, 1923; married June 22, 1895, Josephine Mullen of Washington. Mr. Wilmarth was a draftsman of great talent, and was for many years employed by the U. S. Dept. of the Interior, at Washington. He also was a talented violinist and composer, and published much popular music. His wife outlived him for several years and died in 1936, age 59 years. No children.

IV. Eva Wilmarth[8], born in Washington Aug. 17, 1876; died December 28, 1950, at Washington. In early life, she studied piano under Prof. Henry Xander, a noted musician, and enjoyed her musical talent. She inherited appreciation of fine literature from her grandfather, Jason Wilmarth, and although she did not write for the public, she passed on the love of literature to others in her family in her kind, retiring ways. On August 1, 1898, she was married to Walter Angus Browne of Washington, who survived her.

Children: 1. Marcia Coburn Browne,[9] born June 28, 1900, at Washington; married on March 26, 1931, to Corey E. Larimore,

Eva Wilmarth Browne, 1942

Walter Gourley Wilmarth, 1922



of the Marine Corps, who was born in Illinois Sept. 14, 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Larimore now reside in Miami, Fla., where Marcia has become a member of the Christian Science Church.
No children.

2. Emily Wilmarth Browne[9], born Sept. 15, 1902, at Washington. Married on April 30, 1927, to Robert T. Hoge of Washington, a talented pen--and-ink artist and member of a patent firm. Mrs. Hoge inherited her great-grandfather's talent as a mathematician, and has continued to use it in an insurance firm in Washington since her graduation from Central High School. No children.

Marcia and Emily are direct Mayflower descendants through their father, Mr. Walter Angus Browne, who is descended from Ruth Alden, daughter of John Alden and his wife Priscilla Mullins of Massachusetts. Their aunt, Agnes (Browne) Croxall, was No. 5633 in the Mayflower Index, vol. I, p. 121.

John (Jonathan) Wilmarth[7]

John (Jonathan) Wilmarth[7], son of Jason and Mary Wilmarth, was born in Loudoun Co., Va. Jan. 27, 1841, and died May 15, 1914, at Washington. He married Feb. 14, 1873, Louisa S. Williams of Baltimore, who died Feb. 27, 1926, age 76 years.

John ("Jack") was a Confederate soldier in the Civil War, but being too young to enlist, was first used as a saddle boy in the Cavalry, under command of General Freenough. At the time this officer was killed in battle, young Wilmarth was injured. After his Army life, he located in Baltimore, Md., and studied law. From thence he came to Washington, D.C. and practised law. His

home was in the old part of Washington, on 4½ Street, where the new office building of the District of Columbia was built in recent years. Three children were born:

I. Clara[8], died young.

II. Earl[8], died young.

III. Raymond Orean[8], born in Washington 1884; married Aug. 18, 1926, Eleanore Loretta Warren. He died June 18, 1934. Raymond served in an office capacity in the First World War and obtained the rank of Major in the Reserve Corps. For many years, he was connected with the accounting system of the Public Schools of Washington, and his name appears in the 69th Congressional Directory as "Assistant Superintendent in Charge of Business Affairs, Washington Public Schools." He was buried in Rock Creek Cemetery.
No children.

William Benton Wilmarth[7]

William Benton Wilmarth[7], born Jan. 28, 1851, in Loudoun Co., Va., son of Jason and Mary Ann Wilmarth, was married in November 1879 to Ella VanDeventer of Virginia. The greater part of his life was spent in mercantile business in Hamilton, Loudoun Co. In his later years, he came to Washington and served as special clerk in the War Department. He died in New Orleans, La., Aug. 12, 1936, at the residence of his daughter. His wife, Ella Wilmarth, had died August 6, 1934, and in each case, they were brought to Washington, D.C. and interred at Cedar Hill Cemetery. His daughter, Mrs. William Herbert Rhodes, resides with her husband in New Orleans.

Child: Mabel Benton Wilmarth[8], born May 14, 1883/4 in Lincoln, Va.; married April 17,

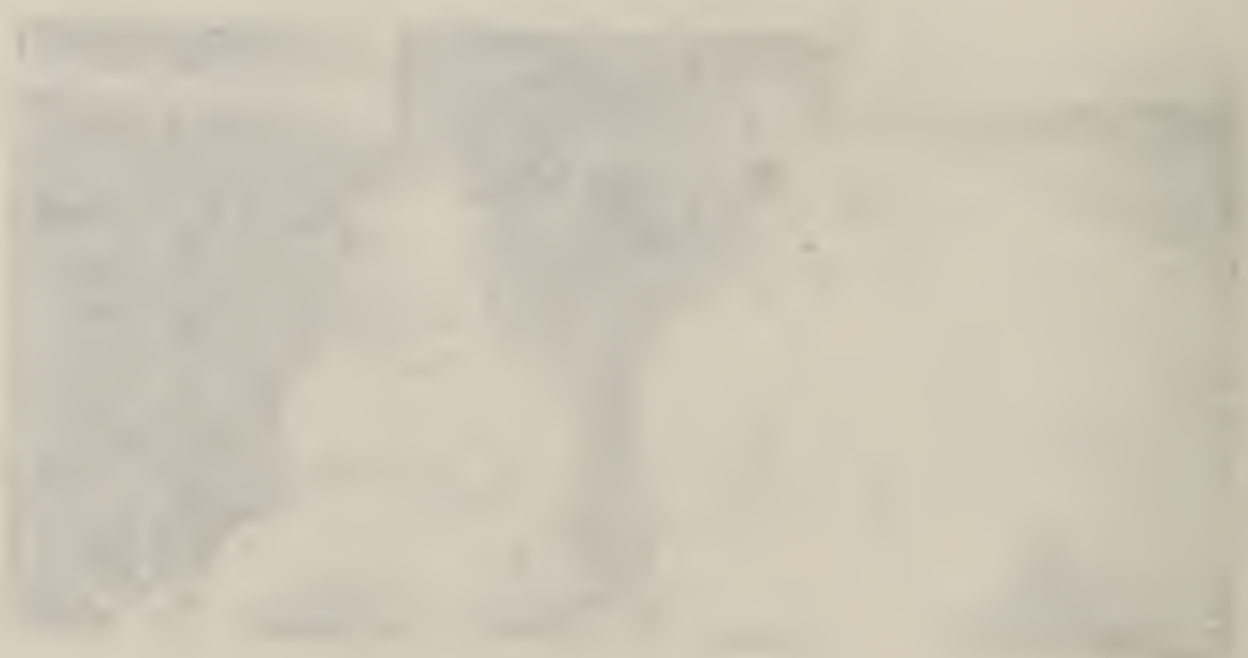
1920, to William Herbert Rhodes, Civil Engineer, born in Springfield, Mass., and graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Inst.

Child: Mary Wilmarth Rhodes[9], born in Baton Rouge, La., Aug. 23, 1922; married Jan. 8, 1949, to Ernest Leigh McLellan, a graduate of Washington and Lee University, Va. Residence, New Orleans, La.

Children: Mary Leigh McLellan[10], born July 10, 1950, in New Orleans.
William Rhodes McLellan[10], born Nov.29, 1951, in New Orleans.

These children are Tenth Generation.(The photograph was taken a year ago.)

Tenth Generation Children



Mary Elizabeth Wilmarth[7]

Mary Elizabeth Wilmarth ("Aunt Bess"), daughter of Jason and Mary Ann Wilmarth, was born in Loudoun Co., Va. Nov. 12, 1853. She died in Atlanta, Ga., June 14, 1892, and was buried in West View Cemetery, Atlanta. She was beloved by her family and friends, and many are the deeds of kindness she bestowed. In 1878 she was married to John Morgan Davis, a Quaker of Loudoun County, now deceased.

Child: Elsie Morgan Davis[8], born at Lincoln, Va., Jan. 17, 1884; married to Edward Harper of Washington, D. C. It is reported that a son was born, but our trace of the family has been without result. They are not living in Washington at this date.

Sarah Samantha Wilmarth[7]

Sarah Samantha Wilmarth, daughter of Jason and Mary Ann Wilmarth, was born in Fairfax County, Va., May 10, 1857, and named for Jason's sister in New Hampshire. She died at the age of 12 days, May 22, 1857, and was buried in the Annandale Church Cemetery, Fairfax County, Va.

Note: This completes the information available on the children of Jason and Mary Ann Wilmarth.

SUPPLEMENT

Reverend Samuel Newman (See page 12, this MS)

Rev. Samuel Newman (b. 1600, Banbury, England; d. 1663 at Rehoboth, Mass.) compiled the first Concordance of the Bible and sent it to Oxford, England, for printing. Its publication was delayed until after his death. Later, it was revised, and others claimed authorship.(See Daggett's History of Attleborough, pp.43,52,57; also Bliss' History of Rehoboth, p. 21.)

Additional Lines of Descent from Thomas Wilmot[1]
Traced by Elizabeth Wilmarth (See p. 14, MS)

Ephraim R. Wilmarth[7] Barton[6] Jonathan[5] Ebenezer[4]
(b. Sandwich,Mass., March 1,1829) & Thomas[3,2,1]

John Nash Wilmarth[7] Jonathan C.[6] Jonathan[5] Ebenezer[4]
(b.New Haven,Conn.8-19-1835) & Thomas[3,2,1]

Almeron Moore Wilmarth[7] Jonathan C.[6] Jonathan[5] etc.
(b.New Haven,Conn. March 20, 1839)

John Rogers Wilmarth[7] Teprelate Hamilton[6] Jonathan[5]
(b. Providence, R.I., March 7,1837) etc.

Alfred Augustus Wilmarth[7] Teprelate H.[6] Jonathan[5]
(b. Providence, R.I., 8-5-1843) etc.

Charles Capron Wilmarth[7] Paloman Capron[6] Parley[5]
(b. Attleborough,Mass., Ebenezer[4] etc.
5-6-1850; d. Attleborough 1925. Married (1) 1-1-1873 Mary Anna Wilmarth, dau. William Albert and Joanna, b. Attl.11-1-1850. He m.(2) 1924, Beatrice E. Whalley.)

George Henry Wilmarth[7] George Henry[6] Parley[5]
(b. Newport,R.I. 4-16-1869) Ebenezer[4] etc.

Note: The above lines descend through Ebenezer[4]. The following lines each descend through John[2], son of Thomas[1].

David Willmarth[7] Jotham[5] Daniel[4] Nathaniel[3] John[2] Thomas[1]
(b.__; d. in Mich., 1855)

Harrison Willmarth[7] Samuel Nelson[6] Daniel[5] Daniel[4] Nathaniel[3] John[2] Thomas[1]
(Harrison[7] b. Medina, N.Y., 11-16-1840; d. 1907.)

Morris Jasper Wilmoth[7] Samuel Nelson[6] Daniel[5] Daniel[4] Nathaniel[3] John[2] Thomas[1]
(Morris Jasper[7] b. Medina, N.Y. 9-25-1843)

Talon Willmarth[7] Jotham[6] David[5] Daniel[4] Nathaniel[3] John[2] Thomas[1]
(Talon[7] b. 1801, Sycamore, Ohio. d. Oct. 1867)

Nathaniel Wilmarth[7] Nathaniel[6] David[5] Daniel[4] Nathaniel[3] John[2] Thomas[1]
(Nathaniel[7] b. Mass. 1794; d. Michigan 1874)

Orin Willmarth[7] Nathaniel[6] David[5] Daniel[4] Nathaniel[3] John[2] Thomas[1]
(Orin[7] b. Mass. 6-22-1798; d. New Haven, Oswego Co., N.Y. 6-14-1874)

Samuel Willmarth[7] Nathaniel[6] David[5] Daniel[4] Nathaniel[3] John[2] Thomas[1]
(Samuel[7] b. Eaton, Madison Co., N.Y., 3-23-1804)

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(Francis P.[7] b. Medina, N.Y., 5-23-1845)

Charles W. Wilmoth[7] Samuel Nelson[6] Daniel[5] Daniel[4]
(Charles W.[7] b. Medina, N.Y., 7-19-1848)

NOTE: Although the above list of generations is not as extended as that provided by Miss Wilmarth, it indicates to what length her investigations were carried.

Capron Family (See pp. 20, 23, this MS.)

Banfield Capron, the first of the name in America, was born in the northern part of England near Wales. When about 14 years of age, he came as a cabin boy with three other youths to New England. Soon after their arrival at Boston (1674) Banfield's neighbour in England, John Callender, came over with his family and settled in Rehoboth. Banfield went with them, and later married Callender's daughter Elizabeth, whom he took to nearby Barrington to live. Subsequently, they moved to Attleborough, and there Banfield Capron lived until his death, Aug. 20, 1752, age 92 years. His wife died "sometime after March 11, 1708". (See-Bowen's "Early Rehoboth", and Bliss'"History of Rehoboth".)

Banfield's father-in-law, John Callender, is listed as a proprietor of land at Rehoboth on Feb. 7, 1689. He later removed to New Hampshire, "near the location of Dartmouth College," as did two of his sons, including Jonathan. (See-First Census of the U.S., 1790, New Hampshire.)

Banfield Capron married three times and had 12 children, all of whom were by the first wife. His second wife was Elizabeth Blackington of Attleborough, who d. May 10, 1735. His third wife was Mrs. Sarah Daggett, whom he married Dec. 16, 1735. She was the widow of Deacon John Daggett.

Children of Banfield and Elizabeth(Callender):

1. Banfield, b. Attleborough 1683; d. 1752.
2. Joseph; 3. Edward; 4. Walter; 5. John;
6. Jonathan, b. March 11, 1705; married (1) Rebecca Morse; (2) May 20,1773, to Abigail Robinson of Attleborough. Of the 1st marriage: Intention, Mar.25,1727 (V.R.Attl.p.357), married June 8,1727 (V.R.Rehoboth,p.78).Rebecca (Morse)Capron died Aug. 29, 1772, age 66 years.
7. Betsy; 8. Mary; 9. Hannah; 10.Margaret; 11. Sarah; 12. a daughter.

(See--V.R. Attleborough, pp. 57,58.)

Children of Jonathan and Rebecca (Morse) Capron:

1. Benjamin, b. 5-3-1728
2. Jonathan, b. 3-10-1732. He was a colonel in the Rev. War. He married June 19,1755, Alice Alden, b. 1733 at Needham. She was dau. of John Alden and a great-granddau. of Hon. John Alden and his wife Priscilla Mullins, of the Mayflower.
3. Rebecca, b. 2-1-1734
4. Elisha, b. 7-19-1737
5. Margaret, b. 6-1-1741
6. Comfort, b. 9-18-1743. (Surgeon in Rev. War)
7. Hannah, b. 3-15-1746
8. Molly, b. 12-12-1749. Married to Ebenezer Wilmarth Jan. 23, 1777.(See- "Early Marriages of Mass.", p. 191, by Rev. Frederick W. Bailey.)
9. Elizabeth, b. 9-16-175_.

For additional information, see:

The Capron Family, by F.A.Holden, 1856 & 1859.
Gen. & Family Hist. of N. Hamp. (Stearns),vol. III, p. 1219--Capron.
Alden Memorial, Descendants of Hon. John Alden, by Ebenezer Alden, 1867, pp. 24, 39.
Hurd's Hist. Bristol Co., Mass. p. 543.
Americana 33:249-251. Callender.
D.A.R. Nat. No. 38068, Wash;,D.C. - Charlotte Holman of Attleborough, Mass., descended from Jonathan Capron, b. 1705, and son Jonathan b. 1732.

Revolutionary War Service of Ebenezer Wilmarth

(See page 23, this MS.)

The name Ebenezer Wilmarth appears many times in the Revolutionary War records of Massachusetts, generally from Attleborough, but also from Sutton. The Birth Records of Attleborough list the name four times, as follows:

Ebenezer Wilmarth b. 1725.(Died 1736.)

Ebenezer Wilmarth b. 1726.(He was over 50 years of age when the Revolution began and was too old to serve as listed.)

Ebenezer Wilmarth b. 1738, actually lived in both Sutton and Attleborough, the two towns credited with his service.

Ebenezer Wilmarth (Jr.) b. 1766. (Son of above-named. Served 5 mos. in Rhode Island in 1781.)

It is therefore Ebenezer Wilmarth b. 1738 to whom records are accredited in "Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War" and in the "History of Attleborough" by Daggett.

Notwithstanding the many records given, some have been lost. In Ebenezer Wilmarth's pens. application (April 8, 1818), he stated that he had been in Capt. Drew's Company, Col. Sproat's Regiment, for about 18 months, from which he was honorably discharged, at the end of the War. - This service could not be located at the State House, Boston, in 1952, when the other records of his service were verified. However, on Sept. 15, 1820, notification of the pension granted Ebenezer Wilmarth was sent to J. P. Sproat, Clerk of Court of Bristol County, Taunton, Mass. (Pension Certificate 9-212 Rev. File S-33-922. Massachusetts.)

In the Report of the Secretary of War, 1835, U.S. Pension Roll, vol. I, page 43, the following information is given:

(For pensioners from Bristol Co., Mass.)

"Ebenezer Wilmarth, Corporal. Annual allowance $96.00. Sums received $936.53. Mass. Line. Placed on Pension Roll Apr. 9, 1819; pension commenced Apr. 3, 1818. Died Jan. 24, 1828."

Statement of Ebenezer Wilmarth, April 8,1818:
(In his Application for Pension)

"I, Ebenezer Wilmarth, a citizen of the United States residing in Attleborough in the County of Bristol, Commonwealth of Mass., being reduced in circumstances and standing in need of assistance from my Country for support, on oath declare:

"That I served as a soldier throughout the Revolutionary War against the enemy. - 1775 I was 8 months in Capt. Caleb Richardson's Co. - Col. Timothy Walker's Regt., Mass. Line, from which I was honorably discharged. - I next served 7 months in Capt. Carriel's Company, Col. Ephraim Jackson's Regt., Mass. Line. - I next served 3 years in Col. Henry Jackson's Regt.- I next served 3 months in Capt. Caleb Richardson's Co. in a regiment wherein Stephen Richardson was Lt. Col. - I next served for the term of 8 months. - I next enlisted for 3 years and served to the end of the War, I think about 18 months in Capt. Drew's Co. in Col. Sproat's Regiment, from which I was honorably discharged the service of the United States. - My Certificate I have lost and my age so advanced that any recollection is very imperfect as to dates and names of my officers."

his
Ebenezer X Wilmarth
mark

(Attested by Jainus Ware, 1818)

Attest: Jonah I. Pike
Attest: Ebenezer Daggett
Dan Wilmarth

Norfolk Co. Apr.8, 1818. Jainus Ware, Judge, etc.

Joseph Wilmarth, Revolutionary Soldier

The life of Joseph Wilmarth[5] was closely interwoven with that of his relatives, Ebenezer[4] and Jonathan[5] Wilmarth. Born in Attleborough, Mass., April 25, 1752, he was son of Thomas Wilmarth[4] and his wife Hepzibah (Claflin) Wilmarth. Thomas[4] and Ebenezer[4] were half-brothers, their mothers being the first and second wives of Thomas Wilmarth[3], Deborah Peck and Rebecca Mason, both of Attleborough.

Joseph of Attleborough married May 17, 1773, Hannah Dryer of Rehoboth, who died Nov. 17, 1829, and was buried in the cemetery near Lyme, New Hampshire. Her gravestone in the old cemetery (Lot 22, Tier 13) is inscribed,"Hannah Wilmarth, wife of Joseph Wilmarth, died Nov.17, 1829, in the 78th year of her age."

For a few years after their marriage, Joseph and Hannah lived at Douglas, Mass., where he enlisted in 1775 and again in 1777 in Colonel Tyler's Regiment, Capt. Isaac Martin's company. Their children born at Douglas were Hannah, b. May 19, 1774; Joseph,Jr., b. April 21, 1776; Baxter, b. Jan. 13, 1778, and perhaps others. Hannah was married Aug. 24, 1796, at Rehoboth, to Rufus Claflin of Attleborough, who received a deed for land at Lyme, N. Hamp., on Nov. 14, 1800. (Gaz. Grafton Co., p. 542.) Joseph,Jr. married Esther French on Nov. 10, 1799, both being of Rehoboth.(V.R. Attleborough, Rehoboth, and Douglas, Mass.)

In August of 1780, Joseph and his family were living in Attleborough, where he enlisted in Capt. Alexander Gastin's company, under the command of Col. Stephen Richardson. At the end of the Revolutionary War, Joseph returned to Rehoboth.(Census of 1790; Fed.Tax List,1798, Rehoboth, Mass.)

On June 7, 1799, "Joseph Wilmarth, Sr., of Rehoboth, Bristol Co., Mass.," purchased land at Lyme, New Hampshire, for $66, from Amherst Coult, Physician (Book 32, fol. 343, Regstr. of Deeds, Woodsville, Grafton Co., N.H.). Dr. Coult lived in the south part of the town and had a large practise. He was on the Board of Selectmen 1789-90, and was still there in 1811. (Grafton Gazette, p. 521.) Shortly after 1800, Joseph took his family to Lyme, N. Hamp. The U.S. Census of 1810 for Lyme lists the families of both Joseph, Sr. and Joseph, Jr.

Joseph's application for a pension in 1832 at age 80, required statements from his neighbors as witnesses. The following three contain names of people connected with Jonathan Wilmarth's life:

1. John Porter of Lyme and Nathan Stark of Hanover certified that "it is the general belief in the neighborhood in which Joseph Wilmarth lives that he has been a soldier in the Revolution."

2. Jepthah Tyler, Jr., Jonathan Wilmarth, and Allerton Claflin, all of Grafton Co., N. Hamp. confirmed the statements of Porter and Stark. In addition, Jonathan Wilmarth of Lyme in the County of Grafton stated that he "has known Joseph Wilmarth for 31 years to August 11, 1832." (The 31 years evidently referred to length of time both had been living in Lyme.) Jepthah Tyler, Jr., was in 1833 living on property adjacent to that of Jonathan Wilmarth at Lyme. (Bk.125, p. 476, Land Records, Grafton Co., N.H., July 13, 1833.)

3. Patience Dunham of Lyme, Co. of Grafton, N.H., aged 86 years, stated that in the Revolutionary War she was a resident of the town of Attleborough in the County of Bristol, Mass., and was well acquainted with Joseph Wilmarth there, and also here in Lyme; that she has

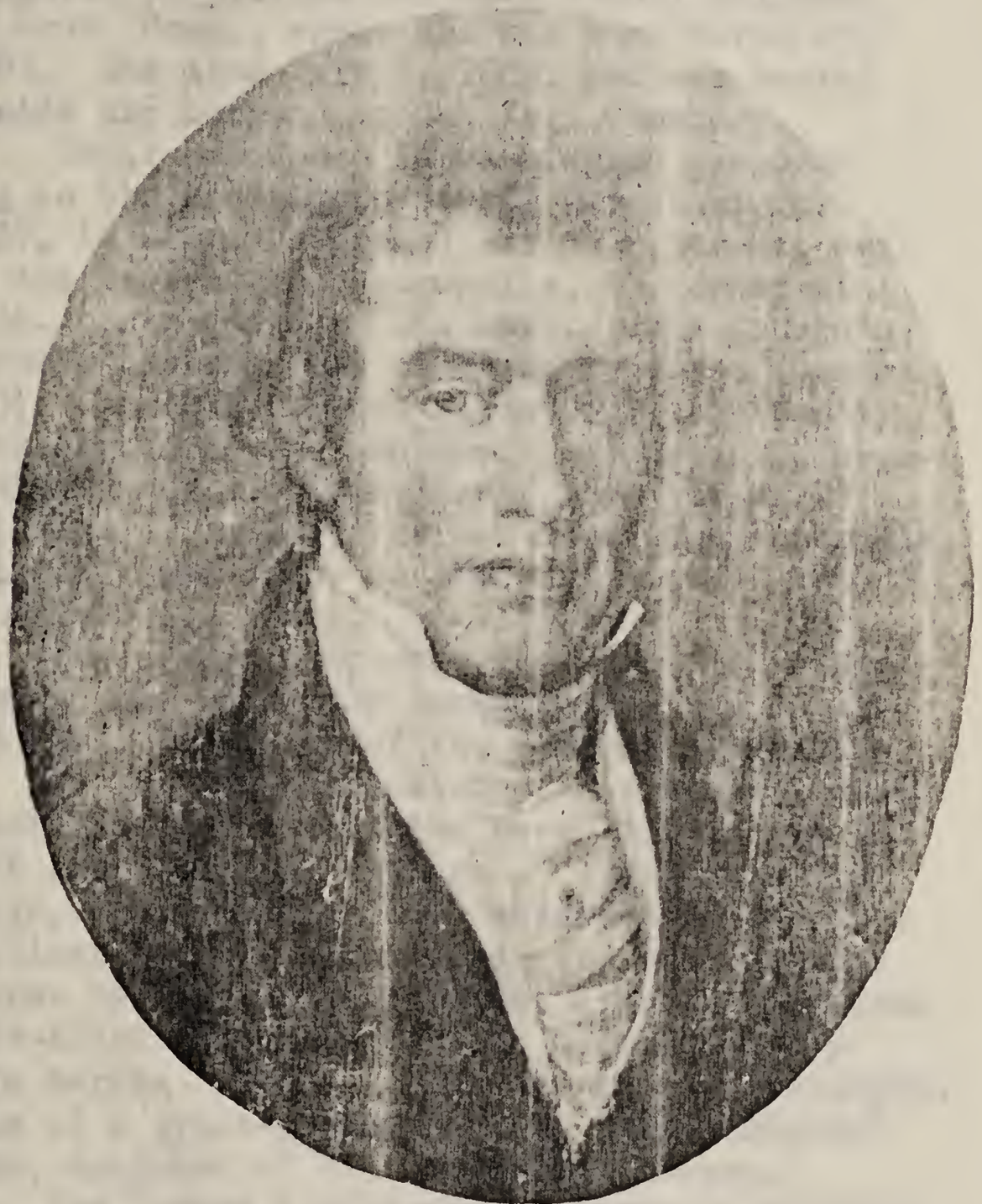
"always known him well since he came here in Lyme, he coming here soon after me."

Joseph Wilmarth's pension (S.30.209) was granted in 1833. In later years, he returned to Attleborough, Mass. On Feb. 1, 1841, he wrote from Attleborough to the Justice of Peace for Bristol Co., Mass., asking that his pension be sent to him there. He stated that he had been on the Roll from New Hampshire, from whence he lately removed, "because I am, through old age, become very feeble, and wish to avail myself of the care and attention of a dutiful and affectionate daughter, who resides here and has kindly volunteered to take care of me."

On April 16, 1841, a letter was directed to the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington City, from Noah Claflin of Attleborough, who said that he had made out the former papers for Joseph Wilmarth, and asked that the pension be sent to the Boston, Mass., Agency.

Joseph Wilmarth died August 15, 1841, aged 89 years and 4 months. He was buried in the Old Kirk Yard Cemetery, at Attleborough, Mass. (V.R. Attleborough, pp. 741-742.)

At Lyme, New Hampshire, in the old cemetery, there is a stone on Lot 22 bearing the name of Joseph Wilmarth. It is near the stone placed for Hannah Wilmarth in 1829, and evidently marks the resting place of her son, Joseph, Jr.



John Coburn
Father of Caroline (Coburn) Wilmarth
(See p. 34, the Wilmarth Family)

John (Dresser) Coburn, son of Alpheus and Joanna (Edwards) Coburn, was born in Cabot, Vt., Sept. 25, 1794, and died Aug. 2, 1868, at Washington, D. C. He was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Georgetown, D.C., where he had purchased Lot No. 391 on April 5, 1858. On March 20, 1824,

at Washington, he married Martha Galloway, daughter of William and Mary (Soul) Galloway of Lynn, Mass., where she was born March 25, 1805. She died July 2, 1881, and was buried beside her husband in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Their residence in Washington (according to the Washington Street Directory for 1827, in Libr. Congress) was on F Street, next to the Bank of the Metropolis, at corner of F St. north and 15th St. west. John Coburn's grocery business was on North I Street (Square 250). In 1834 (Street Directory), the family were living on the southwest corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and 17th Street (now the Mills Building). In 1843, he was also conducting the original Lime Kilns on the west side of 27th St. between H and I Sts.

Two of John Coburn's good friends in Washington were President James Monroe and John P. Van Ness, President of the Bank of Metropolis.

In the administration of his estate, 1868, several valuable articles were left to descend with his family of children. These were the large, white marble clock enclosed in glass, a duplicate of the clock presented to President Monroe by General La Fayette; also two handsome life-sized portraits of John Coburn and his wife Martha. Today, these are in the Washington home of a great-granddaughter, Emily (Browne) Hoge, daughter of Eva (Wilmarth) Browne.

The Coburn family were members of Epiphany Episcopal Church, on G Street, and there John's daughter Caroline was married in 1863 to James Gourley Wilmarth.

Children:

1. Eliza Maria, b. March 10, 1825; married Apr. 25, 1844, to John James Williams, Civil Engineer of Jackson, Tenn. Their dau. was Mrs. Flora Linning; granddau., Mrs. Emma Buck; great granddaughter, Mrs. Helen (Buck) Harper.

2. William A., b. Oct. 25, 1827; buried in Oak Hill Cem., Wash.,D.C.; married Mar. 24, 1857, Annie R. Elliott.
3. James Monroe, b. Sept. 10, 1829; died in 1872; married in 1856 Irene Turley, who was born 1839 and died 1873. Both are interred in Oak Hill Cemetery, Wash., D.C.
   Children:
   Turley Q., b. 1857, d. 1928; married 1879 Marie A. Shalloo, b. 1856 and died 1937, at Washington, D.C.
   Children: Irene, b. 1883, m. 1923, at Washington, D.C., Frederick Carpenter of Mass. Both living in Miami, Florida.
   William Turley, b. 1885; died 1941; was Lt. in U.S. Quartermaster Corps in France in World War I. Later acted as Capt. in Reserve Corps of Engineers in the Pentagon Bldg., Wash.,D.C., though not so commissioned. Married 1918, Blanche Wilmot, b. 1885, now living in Miami, Fla.
4. Martha Lucinda, b. Jan. 1, 1832; died on Aug. 2, 1847; buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.
5. John V., b. Dec. 6, 1836; m. Sarah Padgett. He died 1891, age 55, and was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Washington, D.C.
6. Caroline Augustine, b. Wash.,D.C. July 16, 1839; married in Epiphany Episcopal Church, Wash.,D.C., May 21, 1863, to James Gourley Wilmarth. Caroline died in July 1910, while visiting at the Bryce Farm in Fairfax Co., Va. Her granddaughter Bessie Wilmarth Gahn, was with her when death occurred. Mrs. Wilmarth was buried in Oak Hill Cem., Washington, D.C.
   Children: See pp. 35-43, Wilmarth Family.

7. Charles Coburn, b. March 27, 1845; died 1913, and buried in Oak Hill Cem.
8. Henry Clay Coburn, b. Feb. 18, 1847; married Oct. 30, 1877, Ida Birch of Washington, D.C. Both are buried in the Birch Lot, Glenwood Cemetery, at Washington. Henry Clay,Sr., was a successful butter merchant in Washington. Child: Henry Clay, Jr., b. 1879; married July 18, 1911, Elma Sitley. Two daughters were born. Henry ("Harry") is now retired as Brig. General from the Medical Corps, U.S. Army, and living in Haddonfield, New Jersey. After his graduation in medicine, he served in the Philippines and in North China from 1910 to 1913, and in France during World War I. He also was Medical Officer in Charge at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and for five years at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Alpheus Coburn was a Corporal in the Rev. War.

Alpheus Coburn, father of John, was b. in Charlton, Mass. Dec. 16, 1759; d. Nov. 25, 1813; married July 15, 1779, Joanna Edwards, who was b. Jan. 4, 1763, and d. Feb. 17, 1813. They dwelt in Charlton, Mass., and in Cabot, Vt.

John Coburn, father of Alpheus, was b. 1718; married Feb. 22, 1759, Sarah Dresser, dau. of John and Sarah (Scott) Dresser, b. Dec. 2,1740. They dwelt in Charlton.

Daniel Coburn, father of John C., was b. in Beverly, Mass. 1678; d. 1750. Bapt. there Aug. 11, 1678; married there to Elizabeth Conant; intentions pub. Sept. 21, 1700. She was dau. of John and Bethia (Mansfield) Conant. (See--Conant Family.)

Robert Colburn, father of Daniel Coburn, was b.

in Ipswich about 1647; died at Concord, June 17, 1701; married March 16, 1669, Mary Bishop of Chelmsford.

Edward Colborne, father of Robert Colburn, was the first of the family in America. He was b. in England in 1618, and arrived in Boston Oct. 30, 1635, on the Ship Defence from London, after a 54-day voyage, together with Robert Colborne, supposed to have been a brother 28 years old. Edward was then 17 years old. He owned farms at Dracut and at Ipswich, and married Hannah _____. It is claimed that he was the first settler north of Merrimac River.

During King Philip's War, 1675-1677, Corporal Edward Coburn was in the local military company of Chelmsford. He erected a Garrison House, and with his 7 stalwart sons and his sons-in-law, was able to protect his family and neighbours from bands of Indians. He was in command of Garrison July 23, 1689, during the first French and Indian War. His Garrison House was left, in his Will, to his son Joseph.

Edward Coburn (name as finally used) died in 1712, age 94 years.

(For further information on this family, see--
"Genealogy of the Descendants of Edward Colburn (Coburn)," by George A. Gordon and Silas R. Coburn, 1913.)

Conant Family

Elizabeth Conant, dau. of John and Bethia Conant, born in Beverly, Mass. Jan. 14, 1681/2, married DANIEL COBURN, ancestor of Caroline (Coburn) Wilmarth(p. 58, this MS) Sept. 21, 1700. It is through Elizabeth Conant, therefore, that the children of James G. and Caroline C. Wilmarth are also descended from Roger Conant, who actually was the first Governor of Massachusetts.

Elizabeth Conant's father, John Conant, was born at Beverly Dec. 15, 1652, and died there Sept. 30, 1724. His house, built in 1692, was still standing in 1830. He married May 7, 1678, Bethia Mansfield (b. April 7, 1658; d. 1720), dau. of Andrew and Bethia Mansfield of Lynn, Mass. During King Philip's War, he served in Capt. Appleton's Company, for which he was allowed compensation Dec. 10, 1675. In 1692 he served as constable, and as tithingman in 1694. In his Will, Sept. 21, 1724, he names his five daus., including Elizabeth Coburn, wife of Daniel Coburn.

John Conant was the son of Lot Conant and his wife Elizabeth Walton, dau. of Rev. William Walton of Marblehead, Mass., born at Seaton, Devonshire, England, Oct. 27, 1629. Lot was born ca 1624, either at Nantasket or at Cape Ann,Mass. and died at Beverly Sept. 29, 1674. He was Selectman in Beverly in 1673. His original Will is in the Court Files of Essex Co., Mass., for 1674. Elizabeth, his wife, survived him and married (Jan. 10, 1681) Andrew Mansfield of Lynn, becoming his third wife.

Lot Conant was the son of Roger Conant, the emigrant to America. Roger was baptized April 9, 1592, at All Saints Church, East Budleigh, Devonshire. He married Sarah Horton, Nov. 11, 1618, in London, and emigrated to America in the Ship Ann, arriving at Plymouth about July 1623, together with his older brother, Christopher. It is recorded that Roger's son Lot was born ca 1624, either at Nantasket or Cape Ann, Mass. (See-Davis' "Warren, Jackson and Allied Families",p.166)

Roger did not remain long at Plymouth, owing to difference of his religious belief (Puritan) and that of the Pilgrims, who were Separatists. He went to Cape Codd, where he remained with a small group of fishermen for about a year; then went to the new settlement (1624) of the Dorchester

Company at Cape Ann, which was under the Sheffield Charter and begun by arrangement with the Plymouth Company in England. Roger Conant was requested to become their Governor, and this he did, managing their affairs for a year or more. The Company thus placed him as the first Governor of Massachusetts, and the settlement was the first permanent one in Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Their location on the coast was not conducive to farming, however, and the settlers became eager to move inland. Many of them left for England. Conant guided the few remaining, in 1626, to a sheltered area along Naumkeag Creek, and here they awaited promised reinforcements. When the ships arrived in 1628, they brought Endicott with a new charter to replace the Sheffield Charter,*and under the new law Conant was replaced as Governor by Endicott.

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*The original charter for the settlement at Cape Ann, dated Jan. 1, 1623/4, over the signature of Lord Sheffield, is now in possession of the Essex Institute, at Salem.

History has noted the fine spirit with which Roger Conant cooperated with Endicott, and his success in keeping peace in the Colony. Through his efforts, the settlement gained the name "Salem, the City of Peace." In 1632, he was elected Delegate from Salem; in 1634, Deputy from Salem to the first General Court at Boston, and in 1637 Justice of the Quarterly Court, which office he held for three years. In 1644 he was Surveyor of Highways. He was living near Salem in 1637, where he owned 44 acres, and on June 7, 1671, the General Court granted him 200 acres "Layd out at Beverly on the eastern side of the Merrimac River", in consideration of his being "a very ancient planter." Prior to 1652, he

went to Beverly, where he lived on his farm until his death, Nov. 19, 1679, age 87 years. His Will was made to his son Lot's ten children. (See- Savage; Gen. Dict. of New England, vol. I; also New England Hist. and Gen. Register, vol. II, pp. 233-239. For additional information, see Conant's "Conant Family in America".)

Today, on the west side of Gloucester Harbour, near Stage Head, there is still to be seen the remains of an old fort called Stage Fort, which formerly was Fort Conant.

Mayflower Descent of Marcia and Emily Browne

Daus. of Eva Wilmarth and Walter Angus Browne, m. Aug. 1, 1898. Walter Angus Browne, b. 1873 at Wash.,D.C.,was son of John Sullivan Browne, b. 1826, and Emmeline Jane Browne, b. 1839. John Sullivan Browne was the son of John Browne of Gilford, Belknap Co.,N.H., and Catherine Follett, b. 1794(?). Catherine Follett was dau. of James Follett, b. 1771, and Ruth Faxon, b. 1771. Ruth was dau. of Christopher Faxon, b. 1727, and Hannah Moses of Portsmouth, N.H.. Christopher Faxon was son of Thomas Faxon and Ruth Webb, b. 1684. Ruth Webb was dau. of Peter Webb of Braintree, who died 1717 in Salem, Mass., and Ruth Bass, b. 1662. Ruth Bass was dau. of John Bass of Braintree, Mass.,who d. 1716, age 84, and Ruth Alden, who d. 1674, whom he m. Feb. 3, 1657. Ruth Alden was dau. of John Alden and Priscilla Mullens of the Mayflower, who were m. in 1622/3. (Mayflower Index, Vol. I.)

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